

Many know Pat as an expert on water issues, but I also know her as a loving wife to her husband Robert, a devoted mother, and an active leader in her community. I think so highly of Pat and believe she has done such important work for our State and our country. She will surely be missed, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

#### REMEMBERING CAPTAIN JOHN JAMES MCGINTY III

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to report some sad news to my colleagues. John James McGinty III—raised in my hometown of Louisville, KY—succumbed to bone cancer on Friday, January 17, after 73 years of life. Although his wife Elaine passed in 1991, he is survived by his sons Michael and John IV. Mr. McGinty was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who received the Medal of Honor for his exemplary record of valor in the Vietnam War. Our country owes him, as we do all of our veterans, an unimaginable debt of gratitude for his service.

John J. McGinty III was born to John and Eve McGinty on January 21, 1940, in Boston, MA. The family soon moved to Louisville, where John completed grammar school and began high school. The call to serve his country, however, rang more loudly and clearly than the school bell. After a year and a half, he dropped out and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in February 1957.

John enlisted in the regular Marine Corps the following year. He served as a drill instructor and a brig officer until 1966, when he volunteered for duty in Vietnam. In June of that year he took part in Operation Hastings, during which his service to his country would extend above and beyond the typical call of duty. Three days into the operation, McGinty's company, reduced to a strength of 100 men, was ordered to withdraw. On July 18, Sergeant McGinty's platoon was providing rear security for the withdrawal when they were attacked by what was estimated to be 1,000 North Vietnamese soldiers.

Amidst the chaos of the attack, two squads from his platoon were cut off and nearly surrounded. Sergeant McGinty rushed through the jungle under a hail of gunfire to find his men in dire straits—20 were wounded and their medical corpsman had been killed. Showing little regard for his own shrapnel wounds to his leg, back, and left eye, Sergeant McGinty reloaded the wounded men's weapons and, according to his Medal of Honor citation, "directed their fire upon the enemy." When the attackers inched closer and closer to his men, Sergeant McGinty drew his .45-caliber pistol and killed five enemy soldiers at point-blank range. Then, with enemies at all sides and still taking heavy gunfire, he accurately called in naval airstrikes to within 50 yards of his position.

His actions that day were consistent with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps, and at a White House ceremony on March 12, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson bestowed upon then-Second Lieutenant McGinty the Medal of Honor.

Although he retired from the Marine Corps as a captain in 1976, Mr. McGinty continued to work to better the lives of America's service men and women. He worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs in various capacities, and along with fellow veterans, made several trips to Iraq and Afghanistan to visit with American troops. He would, however, stop wearing his Medal of Honor after becoming a born-again Christian in the early 1980s. His son Michael McGinty explains, "He didn't have a problem with the honor." Rather, it was the medal's depiction of the Roman goddess Minerva that ran contrary to his deeply held belief that the reason he was still alive is the one true God.

Captain McGinty was modest about his own heroic actions. His son Michael has said, "My father used to say that he did what any Marine sergeant would have done in that situation." There can be no doubt, with his record of valor, however, that CAPT John James McGinty III is indeed a hero, and America has lost a hero with his passing. John's service to his country, both as a U.S. Marine and as a private citizen, is deserving of the highest praise and respect of this body. Thus, I ask my U.S. Senate colleagues to join me in honoring and mourning this fallen soldier with roots in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All Kentuckians, and all Americans, should be honored that he fought to protect us, and grateful for his service and sacrifice.

#### 2014 OLYMPIANS

Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today it is with great pride I congratulate all of the 2014 Winter Olympians, especially Tim Jitloff, David Wise, and Chas Guldmond, the three Nevada proudly call their own.

A Reno native, Tim Jitloff grew up on skis and has been claiming international titles since 2005. Tim's unwavering dedication to his sport has developed him into a two-time Olympic athlete, qualifying for the Men's U.S. Ski Team for the first time when he was just 19 years old. In Sochi, he will compete in Alpine skiing's super combined giant and common slalom. Tim's successes extend not only to a first place finish at the 2013 U.S. Championship, but off the snow where he is a determined advocate in the fight against breast cancer, as his mother is a survivor. Tim's passion for service is marked by the respect he has earned on the big snow as well as his earnestness and resounding hard work.

David Wise's Olympic status begins in the Reno snow where he began skiing as a 3-year-old. He turned professional at an early age after securing

his first U.S. national title when he was 15. His wins include The Dew Tour, The Grand Prix, and repeat Winter X Game titles. David continued his achievements in 2013 when he qualified for his first Olympics in this year's debut sport of ski halfpipe. David's dedication to his passion, family, and faith personifies a true talent, unmatched and inspiring for all of Nevada.

Chas "Chuck G" Guldmond has been a driving force in snowboarding since moving to Lake Tahoe in 2005. Working a series of odd jobs to pay his own way for the sport for years is just one of the testaments of character Chas contributes to the 2014 U.S. Olympic team. Chas has had seven healthy seasons of competition and won almost every major event in snowboarding since his early days of participating in the sport. In Sochi, he competes as one of the biggest names in slopestyle. The dedication and sacrifices Chas has made in pursuit of his dream are commendable.

Steadfast in their training, each one of these athletes reminds us that even the seemingly unfathomable is possible. Our American pride grows stronger as these Nevadans compete in Sochi. It is an honor to watch them and the entire team compete in the name of a United States victory in these 22nd Winter Olympics. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these and all of the remarkable athletes on their accomplishments thus far. We wish them a safe and gold-winning trip to Russia.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GERARD GRIMALDI

• Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in honoring the work of Gerard Grimaldi. Gerard has a long history of public service in Kansas City, stretching back to his time serving as an aide to Senator Tom Eagleton and later as an aide to Congressman Alan Wheat. More recently, since 2001, Gerard has ably served as vice president of health policy and government relations for Truman Medical Centers. Everyone who knows Gerard respects him, and everyone who gets to work with him considers themselves lucky.

A few years ago, I asked Gerard to serve as my nominee on a volunteer community advisory panel for the Bannister Complex in Kansas City, MO. This opportunity required a significant time commitment from Gerard—time he would normally spend with his beautiful wife and four lovely children—to serve on a panel which offered Gerard no personal or professional benefit. Not only that, but this panel was created to help facilitate constructive community dialogue around some sensitive issues in a very heated environment. But, true to his background as a public servant, Gerard didn't hesitate when I asked him to volunteer.

Gerard not only served on the community advisory panel for over 3 years, but he also was the chair of the panel, heading a diverse group of community leaders. This panel worked diligently to facilitate constructive community input and to help ensure transparency by government agencies involved in the Bannister Complex environmental cleanup and redeployment efforts. The work Gerard and the panel did was successful and has now come to an end.

In the course of my adult life, I have been fortunate to meet many outstanding public servants—men and women who exemplify leadership and a genuine desire to contribute to the greater good. Of those public servants, Gerard is one of the best. I am proud that he is a Missourian, and I am honored to be able to recognize him here today.

I ask that the Senate join me in congratulating and honoring Gerard Grimaldi for his exemplary public service to Kansas City and the great State of Missouri.●

#### BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana, which celebrates its 45th anniversary this month. Bear Paw Development is a proven leader in providing economic and community development solutions to challenges faced by northern Montana's small businesses and local and tribal governments. On behalf of all Montanans, I commend Bear Paw Development for its 45 years of outstanding work to build economic momentum and institutional support to ensure a brighter future for our State.

Bear Paw Development Corporation, one of the oldest federally recognized economic development districts in the Nation, provides information, technical support and hands-on assistance for northern Montana, helping business owners and local leaders take hold of their potential and build on their success. The dedicated employees of Bear Paw Development assist our communities in every aspect of planning and development, from providing business loans and small business counseling to facilitating investment in critical infrastructure projects.

As a farmer, I have a special appreciation for their work in value-added agriculture. Bear Paw serves as one of four centers in the Montana Food and Agriculture Development Center Network, working with farmers to create greater market access so that Montana agricultural products can compete on a global scale.

Working with local governments, Bear Paw coordinates millions of dollars of investment every year into infrastructure. Through the construction of drinking water systems, wastewater systems, bridges, and other community infrastructure projects, Bear Paw's work is vital to the residents, commu-

nities and businesses of northern Montana.

Since the creation of Bear Paw Development's revolving loan fund, they have assisted hundreds of small businesses with their financing needs to either start a new business or expand an existing one. In total, through more than 330 individual loans, Bear Paw Development has disbursed \$21.7 million to businesses in northern Montana, helping to create or retain a total of over 1,240 jobs.

Over the next 45 years, I fully expect Bear Paw Development to continue its historic and significant success in the areas of business growth, alternative energy, workforce development, community improvement, and of course, agriculture. Its continued commitment to the economic growth and diversification of northern Montana will continue to be a shining example of the role economic development districts can play throughout our country.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3590. An act to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3964. An act to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4591. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chariton, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0255)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4592. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gainesville, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0586)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4593. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Chatom, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1186)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4594. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Donlin Creek, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0786)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4595. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Danville, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0657)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4596. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sisseton, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0641)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4597. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Leesburg, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4598. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,